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Question 56 by Mrs Miguélez Ramos: BSE and consumption of cattle bones

Mr Byrne answered the question and supplementaries by Mrs Miguélez Ramos, Mrs Izquierdo Rojo and Mr Purvis.

Mr Carnero González complained that the eight questions on western Sahara (questions 82 to 89) were placed on the list in such a way as to ensure that they could not be dealt with due to lack of time. He asked what the criterion was for establishing the order of questions in the list.

The President reminded him of the provisions of Rule 43(3).

He announced that the questions which had not been answered would receive written answers.

He closed Question Time to the Commission.

(The sitting was suspended at 19.30 and resumed at 21.00.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PODESTÀ

Vice-President

21. Deliberate release into the environment of genetically modified organisms *III** (continuation of debate)

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate: Fiori, Lund, Maaten, Isler Béguin, González Álvarez, Moreira da Silva, Corbey, Celli, Meijer, Boudjenah, Diamantopoulou, Member of the Commission, and the rapporteur.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.2.2001, Item 13.

22. Community Eco-Management and audit scheme (EMAS) *III** (debate)

Mrs García-Orcoyen Tormo introduced the report of Parliament's Delegation to the Conciliation Committee on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council regulation allowing voluntary participation by organisations in a Community Eco-Management and audit scheme (C5-0661/2000 – 1998/0303(COD)) (A5-0033/2001).

The following spoke: Scheele, on behalf of the PSE Group, Riitta Myller and Diamantopoulou, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Minutes of 14.2.2001, Item 14.

23. Food supplements *I** (debate)

The next item was the report drawn up by Mrs Emilia Franziska Müller, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to food supplements (COM(2000) 222 – C5-0234/2000 – 2000/0080(COD)) (A5-0025/2001).

Mr Krarup moved of inadmissibility in accordance with Rule 143.

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Mrs Frahm and the rapporteur spoke on the motion.

The following then spoke: Whitehead, who asked Members to be informed that a vote was about to take place, and Oomen-Ruijten.

Parliament rejected the motion by EV (15 for, 16 against, 0 abstentions).

Mrs Emilia Franziska Müller introduced her report

The following spoke: Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Corbey, on behalf of the PSE Group, Ries, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Ahern, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Sandbæk, on behalf of the EDD Group, Bowis, Whitehead, Breyer, Titford, Nisticò, García-Orcoyen Tormo, Doyle, Redondo Jiménez and Byrne, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: *Minutes of 14.2.2001, Item 17.*

24. Two or three-wheel motor vehicles *I (debate)**

Mr Lange introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy, on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council amending Directive 97/24/EC on certain components and characteristics of two or three-wheel motor vehicles (COM(2000) 314 — C5-0334/2000 — 2000/0136(COD)) (A5-0015/2001)

The following spoke: Van Dam, draftsman of the opinion of the RETT Committee, Goodwill, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Sacconi, on behalf of the PSE Group, de Roo, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Bautista Ojeda, Rübige and Liikanen, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: *Minutes of 14.2.2001, Item 18.*

25. Vehicles with more than eight seats *II (debate)**

Mr Bill Miller introduced his recommendation for second reading, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market, on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council directive relating to special provisions for vehicles used for the carriage of passengers comprising more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC and 97/27/EC (9012/1/2000 — C5-0456/2000 — 1997/0176(COD)) (A5-0039/2001).

The following spoke: Harbour, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Howitt, on behalf of the PSE Group, Rübige, Grönfeldt Bergman and Liikanen, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: *Minutes of 14.2.2001, Item 16.*

26. Community incentive measures in the field of employment *I (debate)**

Mrs Jensen introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, on the Proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision on Community incentive measures in the field of employment (COM(2000) 459 — C5-0384/2000 — 2000/0195(COD)) (A5-0018/2001).